The Conference

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KATHERINE: Hello, and thanks for coming. Now, I've called this meeting to
>discuss your complaints about our series...
>MARCO: And if Cassie's parents come in, you're Frau Apfelthor, our German
teacher from school, and you really don't speak English very well...
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CASSIE: And then I'll get scolded for seating my teacher in a smelly barn
>full of animals.
>MARCO: Then maybe she'll stop having us hold all our meetings in a smelly
barn full of animals.
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JAKE: Which still doesn't solve the security.
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EREK's voice: Don't worry, I'll just include Katherine in my hologram.
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KATHERINE: Thanks. (approaches Erek) Toby Hamee, you in there somewhere? I
>wouldn't want to dump into your blades.
>VISSER THREE: It's a good thing I'm in Aria morph, seeing -- or rather, not
seeing -- the people in that hologram.
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AX: It is indeed a good thing. I like to keep my two eyes on you.
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VISSER THREE: Just keep them in your head, all right?!

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KATHERINE's voice: (to herself) It would be too easy for me without an
>intergalactical war in Cassie's barn. (aloud) So, could we please start?
>RACHEL: Definitely! Now look, Katherine, I really like Harry Potter,

I
respect Joanne and I know how much money she earns...

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KATHERINE's voice: What are you getting at?
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RACHEL: ...But that's no reason to have Tobias living with his aunt and
>uncle, get his father killed off by Visser Three, then let him come back in
a vision to save him...
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AX: My brother is not James Potter. We will leave it at that.

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KATHERINE's voice: Yeah, he looks more like the Dumbledore type to me.
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TOBIAS (answering Ax): That's a relief. By the way,
>since when do Andalites read Harry Potter?
>VISSER THREE: My host thought he was the only one, too.
>JAKE: And you let him read it?
>VISSER THREE: (airily) Oh, it's not like I LET him. He doesn't ask me, he
just does it. One strong-willed Andalite.
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TOBIAS: Yeah, and if he can take control, how come we've seen none of it?
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VISSER THREE: All right, I'll admit it. Alloran got me hooked. That's how I
>found out I don't get half the respect Voldemort does. I mean, EVERYONE CALLS
ME BY MY NAME! I'd really like something like The Dark Lord, at least! Aren't
>I evil enough yet? Maybe eating Elfangor wasn't enough, and now I'll have
to eat Loren as well.
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KATHERINE's voice (absent-mindedly): Yes, I've been planning to address the
>Loren question...
>TOBIAS: Excuse me?!
>KATHERINE's voice: Why, what did I say? Oh, no, Visser, definitely don't eat
Loren, or I've no idea what my next Tobias book will be about.
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CASSIE: Anyway, it's just not right to eat sentient beings.

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KATHERINE's voice: Yeah, that too.
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VISSER THREE: Ahem! I still demand that you refer to me as You-Know-Who!
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AX: Is being called the Abomination not good enough for you?

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VISSER THREE: Well, it's sure better than nothing, but...

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KATHERINE's voice: All right, if you want Voldemort, you'll get Voldemort.
>So, let's say twelve years ago, you tried unsuccessfully to kill Tobias, then
you disappeared for ten years, and now you're living under a turban in the
>back of Alloran's head...
>EREK's voice: (trying to make peace) Look, Visser, a lot of people abbreviate
your name as V3.
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VISSER THREE: So?
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EREK's voice: It's pronounced Fow-dry, and you should be glad you don't know
>what it stands for. Thank goodness, they've never actually made it, but they
had plans.
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VISSER THREE: Now THAT sounds good! I've no idea what it means, but I like it
>anyway. For that I'll even let you keep my name, Katherine.

>KATHERINE's voice: Well, I don't exactly need your permission. And

Erek,
please don't talk too much about this at Scholastic. I've got a feeling they
>wouldn't like me to name my main bad guy after such a dangerous weapon. I
have to stick to nice, harmless stuff like Dracon beams, Time Matrices and
>Quantum viruses...
>AX: Please do not mention that in front of Toby.
>TOBY's voice: Look, I've nothing against Andalites, I'm eighth-Andalite
myself...
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AX: But you see us as a race of Allorans!
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VISSER THREE: (aside) That's true, too. Whenever I'm in Andalite company,
>I feel like I'm surrounded by Allorans. At least one of them, anyway.
>TOBY's voice: And you see us as a race that's prejudiced against
Andalites!
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AX: Well, you are!
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JAKE (starts to get up)
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KATHERINE (comes half out of the hologram and taps Jake on the shoulder.
>When Jake turns to face her, she signals him to sit down, winks at him and
smiles)
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TOBY's voice: Because of Andalites like you!
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VISSER THREE: Hey, you two! Aren't you supposed to be together on fighting
>me?
>AX and TOBY's voice: Indeed we are.Those two mass-murderers are right.
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JAKE (grins in Katherine's general direction)
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MARCO: Visser Three, the peacemaker.
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VISSER THREE: Bummer. There goes my reputation as V3. Not like I know what
>that is.
>KATHERINE's voice: Good, it's nothing young Yeerks should know. The main
thing is, it never existed, so it never caused any harm.

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RACHEL: Just like Visser Three's power on Earth.
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VISSER THREE: You'll pay dearly for that remark, human girl, when I take
>power on Earth.
>KATHERINE's voice: So now that we have nothing serious to worry about, do you
have any more complaints for me?
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CASSIE: Rachel's right about us being like Joanne's folks. I'm tired of
>giving info on animals, being kind and encouraging and understanding -- well,
at least I don't ride 'round on broomsticks or go to three classes at once...
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MARCO: But you ARE a pesky, moralising...
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VISSER THREE: Host agrees.
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MARCO: ...know-it-all witch. But we still love you.

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TOBIAS: Look, Herm -- I mean, Cassie! I've told you a hundred times, I'M
>NOT HARRY POTTER! Is Harry a red-tailed hawk, or what?

>KATHERINE's voice: Thanks, Tobias, at least SOMEONE is defending me.
>RACHEL: What you've been doing to him is still horrible. Is there really no
way you could get him trapped in human morph?

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KATHERINE's voice: Out of the question. A human without morphing powers would
>be just too normal, and we should try to avoid normalcy as much as possible.
>MARCO: What?! You mean a half-Andalite guy, who -- no, wait. He WOULD be too
normal for the rest of us. Unfortunately.

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CASSIE: Although if I were you, Rachel, I'd be glad about the kind of
>boyfriend I had. Human, hawk, Andalite or Taxxon.
>TOBIAS: Nice choices I've got there.
>JAKE: What do you mean, Cassie?
>CASSIE: No offense. It's just...I guess, you're just too tied up in the
leadership business. I can understand. With the Yeerks and all, we really
>don't have time for subtlety... (looks wistfully at Tobias)

>MARCO (looks wistfully at Rachel)
>TOBIAS: Quit looking at us like we've split up already! I still love
Rachel!
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RACHEL: I love you, too, Tobias -- now for the more important things. Marco,
>how on Earth do you think...
>KATHERINE's voice: Chill, Rachel, don't worry, Tobias. I'll give Rachel a
Yeerkish granny, then you can have a nice Romeo and Juliet thing.
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RACHEL: Katherine!
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KATHERINE's voice: But it would add such an interesting twist!

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TOBIAS: You know what? We could do with a couple fewer interesting twists.
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KATHERINE's voice: Oh, well, I'll keep you together anyway.

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CASSIE: I guess that's not so bad. Having a boyfriend in a human body has its
>own advantages, too.
>MARCO: You'd never have lasted with Tobias, anyway. At least not beyond the
first week of trying to turn him into a vegetarian. But remember, I'm human
>AND I don't have duties as a leader...
>CASSIE: Katherine!
>KATHERINE's voice: Let it be, Marco, these human females are just too
normal for you. Now here's what I've got in mind: we'll bring an Andalite
>girl to Earth, have her stuck in human morph...
>MARCO: You know what? I'd rather just stay single.
>RACHEL: Congratulations, Katherine. I haven't been able to get that result
for almost four years.
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AX: Princess Katherine has superb leadership skills.

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VISSER THREE: (looks at the Animorphs) She'd...Cass...I say, "She'd have to",
>get it, Ayessee?! Who's in charge of this body, anyway?!?!?!

>AX: (looks at the visser) Yes, she would.
>RACHEL: (shouting in disbelief) Aaay-ess-see-eee?! Now who on Earth is THAT?!
>TOBY's voice: Alloran-Semitur-Corrass. Like we could ever forget.
>AX: Here we go again, as the humans would say.

>TOBY's voice: But the one inside him we can forget even less.

>MARCO: I'm certainly not gonna forget him, break-dancing like this.
>VISSER THREE: NOW LOOK HERE, SEMITUR, AND STOP JERKIN' ME 'ROUND!
Literally... AND QUIT USING MY OWN VOICE TO TALK BACK, OR EVERYONE'S GONNA
>THINK I'M INSANE! And they're also going to be right. NOW WHAT DID I
JUST SAY?!
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KATHERINE's voice: Talk about an inner dialogue.
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VISSER THREE: YOU'RE GONNA GIVE ME A HEART ATTACK YET, FOUR-EYES!
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CASSIE: Great, now I'll have another sick Andalite to nurse.

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AX: At least this one already has a Yeerk in his head. Even though he's
>harming more than he's helping.
>VISSER THREE: WHY DIDN'T I SWITCH TO LOW-CHOLESTEROL GRASS BEFORE IT WAS TOO
LATE?
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CASSIE: I mean, no offense, Ax, Alloran, but is this a haybarn or a
>hospital for aliens?
>MARCO: I think it's a nuthouse.
>VISSER THREE: ALLIE, YOU'RE MIDDLE-AGED AND ONLY TWO OF YOUR HEARTS ARE
HEALTHY! This morph doesn't even HAVE two hearts! OH, MY GOODNESS. I JUST
>HOPE I MORPHED ONE OF THE HEALTHY ONES. ARE YOU INSANE TO GET THE BOTH OF
US ANGRY WHEN WE HAVE ONLY ONE HEART?! Why, did you think I just make
>random attacks? AND YOU'RE MAKING ME TOO MAD TO DEMORPH!

>TOBY's voice: These are the times when I think he does have something good
in him.
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AX: Which half of the Abomination are you referring to?

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TOBY's voice: Then again, some Andalites can't understand anything...
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VISSER THREE: AND TO THINK MY HOST IS THE ENVY OF THE WHOLE EMPIRE! BUT YOU
>JUST WAIT, I CAN GO MAZO, TOO! (starts tearing his hair)

>CASSIE (hangs her head and covers her eyes)
>TOBIAS: Act sane, Aria, or you'll never get custody of me.

>MARCO: Couldn't we just put him in a straitjacket and end the war?
>TOBY's voice: Even Alloran doesn't deserve this Yeerk.
>AX: I agree. Two wrongs do not make a right.
>TOBY's voice: Like you say on the Andalite homeworld?
>AX: No, like they say on Earth.
>VISSER THREE: (clutching his heart) AHHHH! I'M ALREADY PUNISHING YOU EVERY
WAY I CAN THINK OF, AND...
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KATHERINE's voice (quietly): Esplin.
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VISSER THREE (cont'd): ...THAT MEANS WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE A

>DEAL! Never! I WON'T TORTURE YOU IF YOU LEAVE MY BODY ALONE! (he
keeps jerking his head and changing his expression) OH, ALL RIGHT, I WON'T
>TORTURE YOU ANYWAY! (the jerking doesn't stop)
>TOBY's voice: Good. And if you ever try to make him feel guilty

about the
Hork-Bajir, you'll have me to deal with. (mutters) Taking away my job like
>that...
>VISSER THREE (laughing): Don't you worry about him, he can make me feel a
thousand times as guilty. (he points one hand at Cassie, the other at his
>own heart) Okay, Al, you've got thirty seconds, but one more attempt at
blackmailing me...Cassie's attitude has been simply unacceptable lately.
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CASSIE (snaps up her head, which she had kept hung till now)

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VISSER THREE: I suppose that in an upcoming book, she will wish to talk to me
>alone by letting Esplin out of my head and into her own...Dashed talkative
Andalite! Oh, by the way, it's the visser again.

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JAKE: We'd never have noticed.
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TOBY's voice: Yes, Alloran. And when you're free, you'll unleash a Quantum
>virus on Cassie.
>AX: Excuse me, but have we not agreed that the burden of killing the visser
rests upon my shoulders, not upon War-Prince Alloran-Semitur-Corrass'?
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VISSER THREE: See why I call him Lorry for short?

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KATHERINE's voice: Lorry?! The things you Yeerks come up with! And then
>of course I'm the last one to know. As usual.
>VISSER THREE: It's because he's a British-American Andalite. If he had grown
up in the US, I'd call him Truck.
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MARCO: And I thought we resistance fighters were insane.

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AX: Ah, the humiliation of it.
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VISSER THREE: And it's not even the worst he does to me. And, Aximili, I do
>think I have a right to avenge my own, SHUT UP, YOU FILTHY ANDALITE! And if
you take control just one more time, I'll commit suicide, so neither you nor
>the little Esgarrouth will have the honor of killing me.

>TOBY's voice: Come on, Alloran, I know you'll do it sometime. (notices
everyone looking in her general direction) Common enemy, I guess.
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VISSER THREE: Hey, I thought you and me had a common enemy. In the person of
>Allie.
>TOBY's voice: Oh, yes, I see an enemy in Alloran. Actually, I don't see him,
but he's there all the same. Wrapped around his brain.

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AX: Returning to the subject, Visser Three's suicide is an excellent idea.
>That way we might even be able to spare the life of his future host
Cassie, although, of course, the chances for that are extremely slim. Now,
>War-Prince Alloran, the Andalite laws of honor tell us to...

>RACHEL: Ax?! Alloran?! I don't give a hoot about who's killing Visser Three,
so long as someone does it soon, but nobody's killing Cassie 'round here!!!
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VISSER THREE: Listen to the woman, Allie. Unlike certain

ruthless Andalites
>that I know, she has the right way of...hey, what am I saying?!

>TOBY's voice: The truth.
>AX: (exasperated) I know he was ruthless, but do not tell me! I was not even
born then!
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TOBY's voice: (cont'd) Rachel's right about killing you.

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AX: Oh, that is what you mean. I agree with you fully.

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JAKE: Let's take a vote. Rachel, Toby, Ax and I are for killing the visser.
>Who else is? (counting hands and wings) Marco, Tobias...

>VISSER THREE: One for, one against. You can guess.
>CASSIE: So long as we spare Alloran, I'm for.
>EREK's voice: Well, I'm not going to stop you....
>KATHERINE's voice: Hey, hey, hey! I need a bad guy in the series! Now you
see, Visser, why I can't ever leave my characters on their own?
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VISSER THREE: I couldn't agree more. I've always believed in using a firm
>hand with subordinates.
>KATHERINE: (comes out of the hologram and takes the visser's hand) At last
I've found someone who truly understands my problems... (She twists his arm,
>then knocks him unconscious and starts on her way out of the barn.) I'll come
and check on you in two hours. Promise me you won't kill the visser, I need
>him alive. But having Alloran trapped in Aria morph WOULD add an interesting
twist...
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file.